

CIA CHIEF TO RETIRE THIS YEAR

White House Confirms Allen Dulles's Plan To Step Down

Washington, July 31 (AP)—The White House affirmed today that Allen Dulles is retiring in a few months as director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Word that the CIA chief is stepping down came as an anti-climax to many reports that he was due to be ousted after the Cuban invasion fiasco of last April.

Pierre Salinger, White House press secretary, said in effect that it had been Dulles's plan all along to retire by the end of this year and there has been no change in that plan.

Report On Successor

Salinger's statement followed a request for comment on a report that Fowley Hamilton, 50, a Wall Street lawyer with a background of Government service, is in line to succeed Dulles.

Salinger declined to comment on that report, published in the August 7 issue of *Newsweek* magazine. The magazine says Hamilton is to work with Dulles for a while and then take over direction of the intelligence agency in October.

Dulles, the CIA and Hamilton declined to comment.

Asked whether he expected to have an announcement shortly on Dulles's successor, Salinger replied that he did not.

It was learned later that Hamilton is a frontrunner among those being considered to succeed Dulles but that no final decision had been reached.

When President Kennedy was elected last November, he asked Dulles to continue in his \$22,000-a-year job. Government officials have said privately that Dulles coupled his agreement to do so with the hope that he could retire about the end of this year.

Dulles, who is 68, is a brother of the late Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles.

Appointed In 1953

Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower appointed him CIA chief in 1953, after Dulles served two years as deputy director.

Speculation on his future arose after the U-2 spy plane incident of May 1, 1960. It developed that the CIA sent the U-2 plane on a mission over Russia where it was shot down, just fifteen days before Eisenhower was to have a summit meeting with Soviet Premier Khrushchev.

Khrushchev, indignantly broke off the meeting after it was revealed there had been a series of spy plane flights over his country.

After the Cuban invasion disaster of last spring, the CIA was accused of faulty intelligence work and there was talk of a shake-up. Spokesmen for the agency denied the charges, and Mr. Kennedy set up a special board, headed by retired Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, to investigate the intelligence program.

There were reports then that Dulles might be replaced by Taylor, by the Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, or perhaps by Gen. James M. Gavin, Ambassador to France.